

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 287

By Sanderson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Casey L. Hood upon his election as the 2017 Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Casey L. Hood, who was recently elected as the 2017 Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood works assiduously to promote his community and improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Casey Hood was born on October 31, 1970, in Union City, the son of Richard L. Hood and Betty A. Hood; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Obion County Central High School in 1988, Mr. Hood attended the University of Tennessee at Martin from 1988 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Casey Hood became the managing partner and co-owner of the family business, Hood Plumbing Co. LLC.; in 1994, he established M.R. 2 Ducks Guide Service and is the sole proprietor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood is an active and highly respected member of a number of Masonic affiliations, including The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Troy Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, West Tennessee Forest #213 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Cornelius Chapel 22 St. Thomas of Acon; and

WHEREAS, Casey Hood was raised as a Master Mason in Western Sun Lodge #88 on June 29, 2009; he served as Worshipful Master in 2001 and was elected secretary in 2014; and

WHEREAS, he was exalted as Royal Arch Mason in Union City Chapter #132, which he served as Excellent High Priest in 2011; he received the Order of the High Priesthood that same year and served as Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Casey Hood served as Illustrious Master of Union City Council #122 in 2011 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel; he also served as Illustrious Grand Sentinel on the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in 2012; and

WHEREAS, he was knighted in Union City Commandery #29, for which he served as Commander in 2011 and received the Knight Crusader of the Cross; he currently serves the Grand Commandery as chair of the by-laws and dispensation committee and is a member of the policy and procedures committee; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Mr. Hood currently serves as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander of Memphis Council of Kadosh, which he serves as stage director and building maintenance chair; he is also a member of Tennessee Priory #15 and is a 32 KCCH member of the Scottish Rites, Valley of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Casey Hood was the first recipient of the Tennessee Grand Lodge Masonic Light Award for his service as special projects coordinator to the widow and orphan's home board of control; he has served as District 3 chair and director of the Tennessee Child Identification Program; he is the recipient of the 2014 Tennessee Grand Lodge John B. Arp Award and the 2012 Knight of York Cross of Honor, and he was awarded the Membership Achievement Medal from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in 2011; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Casey Hood is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Andrea Noelle Davidson, and their two daughters, Halie L. Hood and Lindy P. Hood; and

WHEREAS, Casey Hood is an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church in Obion; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Casey Hood for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and congratulate Casey L. Hood upon being named the 2017 Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.